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SUBJ: FULLY ARMORED VEHICLES

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1. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE AT POST IS
AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1969 FORD GALAXY, 9E54F225238, FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE.
ODOMETER READING IN KILOMETERS IS 79,042. SERIAL NUMBER AS
STATED ABOVE IS CORRECT; SERIAL NUMBER AS STATED IN FIRST
REFERENCE IS INCORRECT.

B. FULLY ARMORED 1974 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER, CS41T4C194418,
HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO REPLACE THE FORD. ODOMETER READING IN
MILES IS 177.

THE CHRYSLER IS NOT IN USE BECAUSE IT WAS RECEIVED WITH A DISTORTED
WINDSHIELD; OTHERWISE, ITS CONDITION IS NEW. DISPOSAL OF THE FORD IS
AWAITING SY APPROVAL. ITS OVERALL CONDITION DUE TO AGE AND USE IS PO
OR.

POST BELIEVES A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE ENGINE WILL BE REQUIRED WITHIN
ONE YEAR IF VEHICLE IS RETAINED. DOORS AND WHEEL WELLS ARE RUSTING
THROUGH AND WILL ALSO NEED TO BE REPAIRED WITHIN A YEAR. DURING THE
PAST YEAR, THE FORD WAS OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO NECESSARY REPAIRS FOR
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A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH.

2. 1971 PLYMOUTH FURY, PK41T1D276439, IS NOT A FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE. IT HAS ONLY PARTIAL ARMORING AND IS USED AS A FOLLOW CAR. ODOMETER READING IN MILES IS 70,901. IT HAS BEEN OUT OF SERVICE SINCE OCTOBER 11, 1975, DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH THE BRAKE SYSTEM AND THE FUEL PUMP. ONE REPLACEMENT PART HAS STILL NOT ARRIVED. PRIOR TO THE CURRENT DOWN TIME IT WAS OUT OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH IN 1975. EXCEPT FOR THE CITED PROBLEMS, NO SPECIFIC REPAIRS ARE ANTICIPATED FOR THE COMING YEAR. ITS OVERALL CONDITION IS CONSIDERED POOR TO FAIR. POST BELIEVES DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED SOON.

3. BOTH THE 1969 FORD AND THE 1971 PLYMOUTH WERE DESCRIBED IN THE THIRD REFERENCE AS BEING IN POOR CONDITION AND UNFIT AS SECURITY VEHICLES. SAME REFERENCE STATED THAT REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES WAS URGENT. CONDITION OF VEHICLES REMAINS THE SAME. POST HAS EXPERIENCED FREQUENT PERIODS OF DOWN TIME AND HIGH MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR BOTH VEHICLES DURING THE PAST YEAR. SIRACUSA

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